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SUBJECT: National Interstate Benefits Meeting – Boise, ID

1. Purpose: This is to announce that the State of Idaho will host this year's national meeting of Interstate Program Coordinators, Interstate/Combined Wage Managers, and Interstate Connection (ICON) Programmers from September 3-6, 2002, in Boise, Idaho.

2. Objectives: The national meeting of interstate operations staff is held annually to:

- Promote cooperation among States through the exchange of ideas regarding the operation of the Interstate and Combined Wage Programs and the use of ICON applications;
- Provide training and staff development to keep staff abreast of the on-going claimstaking and processing changes in the Interstate and Combined Wage Programs;
- Promote effective and efficient implementation and use of the ICON applications through discussions of State interface programming requirements, enhancements and accomplishments;
- Facilitate communication of recommendations to the Interstate Benefit Committee of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies, for improving the Interstate and Combined Wage Programs' procedures and ICON applications by providing all State's program coordinators and managers an opportunity to meet with committee members; and
- Provide a forum for discussion of changes to the interstate and combined wage programs and the effect of these changes on the programs.

Additionally, because of the development and on-going implementation of the ICON application for Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the changes to the Louisiana Claims Control Center (LCCC) operation and Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemembers (UCX) program, Federal Program Coordinators/staff are invited to attend. The meeting workshops include discussions of:

- The UCFE ICON application, State interface programming requirements and implementation experiences; and
- The requirements and implementation of the procedures for obtaining UCX wage and separation information from the LCCC and sending Claim Control Records to LCCC.

3. Time and Accommodations: This Conference will be held at the Grove Hotel, Boise, Idaho. Hotel room rates are \$84.00 (single occupancy) and \$94.00 (double occupancy). Reservations must be made by August 10, 2002, in order to insure the group rates. The hotel has complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport. There will be a registration fee of \$155.00. Additional information including the meeting agenda, on-line registration and general information can be found through the NASWA web site at <http://www.naswa.org/conference.cfm>.

We encourage all States to have their Interstate Program Coordinator, Liable Office Manager, Combined Wage Supervisor, ICON Programmer, and Federal Programs Coordinator in attendance.

4. Action requested:

- a. Please distribute this issuance to appropriate staff.
- b. Please submit the names and titles of attendees from your State by August 9, 2002 to Tim Martin by telephone at (617) 565-2224 or e-mail at tmartin@doleta.gov.
- c. Please make hotel reservations by calling (208) 333-8000 and indicate that you are registering under the room block for the "National Association of State Workforce Agencies" by August 10, 2002.

5. Inquiries: For additional information, contact Tim Martin at (617) 565-2224 or tmartin@doleta.gov.

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